

35 Welfare Pds

Change of Suburb
Name. → Glen Iris 3146
7/8/01

Dear George,

What a chucking in the chook
y'rd - you caused! We've often
wondered but ^{we've} never known where you were.

- Somehow one of the boys caught up? or
heard where Dick was - some years
ago. - Sorry to hear of his passing +
that he won't be there at the Prescott
gathering.

- Thankyou for all the news. One
thing we noticed - Bill + I, that
we must have been living fairly
close to you in Sydney for 10 years.
Bill + I were there from 1969 - 1979.
approximately. - He was principal of
the C.B.C. of Sydney (now with the National) Training
School at Fernleigh Castle - then moved
to Head Office - We spent the first year
Double Bay - then bought a house
^{corner of} Peckham Ave? Chatswood. - I was
+ Dulwich Ave } No 50.

teaching at Petersham Girls High School -
not in existence now. - We left our
family in our house in Melb - 2
kids, boy & a girl - now in their
middle 50's. - Am hoping they will
be with us at the family meet. -
Roger says he will, but Sue hasn't
heard about it yet. - They've been
overseas. We have 4 grandchildren -
from 25 to 30 years. - We hope one
will be married early next year in
Sydney. - They are in the 'style' +
all have partners. - Life's a bit different.
- We had the Pescott family tree
dating back to pre-T.T. Pescott +
Lizzy Deane - don't know who compiled
it. - But I've been working on our
family tree from that + the Heathcote
record. - No deep research - only enough
for the next generation to know where
they came from.
I drive past 88 Eskdale Rd - quite
often - just to remember. The restoration

is excellent. When Toots (our Aunty Dorothy) died - I sorted out all her belongings. Among them was a photo of 'Westfield' known as such because it was built in the 'westfield (wheat)' of the original farm there - so Toots told me. *

As it was but one photo - & no real place to store it I sent it to the Caulfield Historical Society - hoping it would become a part of a 'whole'.

- It was built - according to my mum - by the Pescott's (which ones??) of Geelong.

- Angels Food - always my favourite too. Here is the recipe from her book. - On second thoughts will put it on a separate page. - hope you can measure a quart!!

* I think the house was one of the first - surrounded by fields (again from Toots).

- We look forward to meeting you again at the gathering.

Thank you for your letter

Cheers - Norma & Bill

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3146
16th. Aug. - 01.

Pear George & Shirley,

Thank you for your prompt reply - feel we have made up a little of the leeway lost over many years.

- My apologies re the Caulfield Hist. Society - completely forgot our big council re-organisation.

Caulfield is now part of Glen Eira City Council. (re the photograph.)

Contact is - Felicity Campbell

Townhall } P.B. Box 202
I think. } Caulfield Stn. 3162

Her phone number - 9523 9228.

- Hope this helps you. - will forward what info - I have on Pescott's - to

Wal Wall - but have a feeling he is working from the same history I have - See you Norma & Bill

35 Welfare Rd
Glen Iris
23/9/01.

Dear George & Shirley,

Man - thanks for your invitation to afternoon tea on the 10th of Oct, at the Stamford Plaza. We will be delighted to attend & finally catch up with you.

I can remember Cec. bringing you & Dick to stay with us in Ballarat - somewhere about 1930 - 1936. - You were small, so was Marge, the rest of us thought we were 'big stuff'.

- Sorry to say we have very little info - to pass on but will do our best.

See you soon

Norma & Bill.

- Next page - scratchings from 'the' brain!!

- As they come - not in order!.
- Large Bible - won by Grandpa (J.R.) - having come 3rd in in an exam - set by the Women's Temperance Union. - in 1898. It's frail but has a few dates in it - probably nothing you don't know already. J.R. was about 32 at the time. A 'Certificate' is pasted in. What fun & games they got up to "in Those days!"
- Cricket - J.R. - very involved with the local cricket club - and it was a regular custom for all the team & 'hangers on' to gather at Westfield for tea & songs round the piano & pianos?
- Photo Album - Think it was my mum's, Toots to us. A record of the 3 families but only up to a certain stage. All photos pasted in - pity but at least they are not lost.
- Dad I send you a copy of the Prescott/Woodful tree? - I need more dates to it - such as Jim's & Eties - births & deaths - some of mine are a bit doubtful.
- Grandpa spent the last years of his life living with us - He came soon after Etie died. When?
- Bowls - until Etie died - Toots would pick her up & mind her until Grandpa was ready to go home. - She suffered from dementia & could not be left alone.
In his last years - Solo at the Club took over from bowls. - he loved playing & it

was an excellent way of keeping up with his bowls' mates.

I remember 1944 - my wedding day - he had to be picked up at the club to come to wedding - at 11 am!!

- The Bible - says he died in 1956 - this I'm not sure of except I didn't go to his funeral - as we were in England, - but he died when she was about 90-91?

Dorothy Woodfull Prescott. 1-1
Born - Melb 1894
Died - " 1987 or (93) .

Married - Norman Cartmell Heathcote
Presbyt. Church. - Wattletree Rd. Malb.

19.1.21

- Have written her life story - can give you a copy if you so desire.

Norma .

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21/10/01.

Dear George,

My what big words you do use -

I might believe you if I knew what they meant!! - Thank you just the same.

Thankyou too for the opportunity you gave us to meet up with -

Shirley, Rosemary, Winsome + Wolf & of course yourself. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, + the scones + cream. - I came home with a list of questions I didn't ask -

but will one day.

- Take your time with the Photo Album. Another thought about those 2 group photos - No shoes might indicate a house or the beach.

I hadn't identified the 3rd photo
as an Airport but I see it now.

- Will tell you know as soon
as possible - re the attendance
of either of our chn & spouses - Easter
2002. - Am seeing Rog today.
It's a bit difficult pinning them down
so far ahead.

- Love to you both
Norma.

Oct. 27th

Dear George,

Thank you for the return
of the album - I'll bring it with
me on the day just in case // for
instance - Judith if she comes wants
to have a look. There are
quite a few snaps of she & Max
as children.

- Will also put in Jim's Bible -
Temperance - but it's of the large
kind + frail.

Many thanks for the photos
of 'The Day at the Stamford' -
They will be an excellent reminder.
I have a feeling I forgot to
include this in my last letter.

- See ya - love Norma.

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27/12/01.

Dear George,

Thankyou for your "missive" -
D. 11th - though it might well have
been a 'missive' - shook me out of
the Xmas depths. - and now its
all over I can concentrate a little
better. - Though the bout of heavy
sleeping - or desire to do same -
is still with us.

N.B. - Re-descendants of J.R Prescott
in my section - 5.5 Colm & Morgan
Byrne - are ~~step~~ sons - for Roger,
Christine's children by a previous marriage,
so they need to be eliminated from
the tabular listing - or wherever ever
else they may be turning up.

Sorry about this. I probably should
have spotted it before.

- Am in the process of doing a
bit of repair work on "the Bible"

- so that it stands the trip to
Geelong.

Your plans look good to me -
Can't add anything to Margie's -
record - don't know Anne's (Harry's wife)
order name. - the rest is O.K.

- About the more recent arrivals
 5^{th} + 5^{th} generat^u - will talk to
the boys - they'll probably look
at me a little queerly!! That's
normal. —

Love to you both

Norman

Dear George & Shirley,

Sorry to be so slow replying to your last bulletin - with so much drama recorded. We found the report most interesting & terrifying. Nearest we've been to anything like that was in Sydney, & fire came up Blue Gum Creek (we were at the head) from Lane Cove River Park - to within $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile of us. We were in a plane returning from U.S.A. - at the time & so all was over when we got home. It can't have been a pleasant experience for you. I hope all is well now. It's been heartbreaking for so many. Can't believe there are so many people who would wish to light fires, living amongst us & we don't know their potential for danger. Ordinary bushfires are bad enough. The late reply - is because Bill hasn't been well. He collapses without warning - & it's a frightening experience. I think he is beginning to recognise the signs - & ~~takes~~ ^{is} it or lie before he passes out. - So far they happen at social events - hardly a glass of alcohol!! Anyway the specialists are working on it - maybe a sudden drop in temp. blood pressure. - Then I sprang a lump in the wrong place. It was removed yesterday & we will know for sure if all is O.K on Monday. Anyway in between these events - life goes on as usual - full of interest & downings including the Pescott bulletins. - We will be there don't fear - Roger is bringing us for the day. - Have repaired the Pescott Bible - so it will stand the trip. It's much older than us!! - Have been involved with my Dad's

Letters
written to his family - during the war. They
were found in an old trunk on the farm
where his brother Harold was. They are in a
terrible state of decay - but have managed to
piece them together & put them in order. -

A lecturer in History ~~teaching~~/methods at Monash
is using them for her Thesis for her Doctor
of Philosophy - so I'm getting - or have got now -
Copies (some not so good) but not nearly as
difficult to read - We will be given a
copy of this thesis - of which Dad is part. -
- It's all about Teachers who served in the
1914-18 War. -

Your planning for the 'Show & Tell !!' boards
at the reunion do you credit. Am afraid
we are not much use to you - but you
have been ^{doing} a wonderful piece of work.

- Because of your letter I finally found
a NSW. tourist publication with Vincentia in
it. Now I know where you are. Also I
found Vincentia marked on a map somewhere -
but can't find the map. - it's in another book.
Old age. isn't much of a help !!.

- Thanks again for the letter - all
the best for 2002 -

Norma & Bill